GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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Infrastructure for Gymnastics
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to develop state-of-the-art infrastructure for gymnastics in the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to provide facilities for gymnastics in the country, State-wise including Chhattisgarh;
(d) whether the Government proposes to accord infrastructure status to the Sports Sector to address the issue of shortage of sports infrastructure in the country; and
(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(SHRI VIJAY GOEL)
(a) to (c) Sports is a State subject and, therefore, it is primarily the responsibility of the State Government to create adequate sports infrastructure for development of Sports. The Central Government complements/supplements the efforts of the State Governments in this regard.
There is no specific proposal in the Ministry to develop state-of-the-art infrastructure for gymnastics in the country. However, Gymnastics has been placed in "priority" category for the purpose of granting financial assistance to the sports disciplines under the Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs).
In addition, Sports Authority of India (SAI) under its sports promotional schemes has recently established a Centre of Excellence at Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium, New Delhi apart from an existing Centre of Excellence at SAI Regional Centre, Kolkata where state of the art international standard indoor facility and gymnastic equipments to hone the skills of talented Gymnasts have been provided . Under SAI Training Centre (STC) and Special Area Games (SAG) Schemes, International standard Gymnastic infrastructure and equipment have been provided at Aurangabad, Gandhinagar, Kolkata, Secunderabad, Thiruvananthapuram, Jodhpur, Dharwad (all STC Centres) and Imphal, Tellicherry, Agartala (all SAG Centres) for the training of prospective Gymnasts.
(d) & (e) The Government, vide Notification dated 1st August, 2016, has included a new sub-sector − "Sports Infrastructure" in the Harmonized Master List of Infrastructure Sub-sectors.
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